

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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State Fire Chief and Insurance Commissioner to Tour Auburn; Will Urge Residents to Prepare for Wildfires

Officials from California's top fire and insurance departments will visit an Auburn home on Monday to educate homeowners on the importance of preparing for wildfires. Chief Ruben Grijalva will join Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner in urging residents to protect their homes before another devastating wildfire occurs.

The 2007 California fire season is well underway and with the extremely dry vegetation and unseasonably high temperatures, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE, is warning of the potential for devastating fires.

Homeowners can dramatically increase the chance of their home surviving a wildfire by taking a few simple steps to make their homes fire safe. California state law requires homeowners living in state responsibility areas to create a 100-foot "Defensible Space" zone around their homes. Within the first 30 feet from all structures, all flammable vegetation should be removed. An additional 70 feet should have a reduced fuel zone by spacing trees and plants from each other. All needles and leaves should also be cleared from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.

WHO: CAL FIRE Director Ruben Grijalva
Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner
Homeowner Sue Miller

WHEN: Monday, July 23
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Private Residence
725 Haines Court
Auburn, CA 95602

Directions from Sacramento

- Take I-80 east through Auburn
- Exit Bell Road and turn left, back over the highway
- Proceed through the intersection, veer right onto Haines Road
- Turn left onto Haines Court; property is on left

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